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Michael Collins Is Shot From Ambush By Irish Regulars

Head of Irish Free State Is Killed While on Tour of Inspection in County Cork Yesterday

(By United Press.)

Dublin, Aug. 23.—Michael Collins, Ireland's hero, is dead. Collins, the fiery leader of the Free State troops, was assassinated from ambush at Bandon, County Cork, while on a tour of inspection of his army yesterday. The automobile in which he was riding from Cork to Bandon was fired upon.

The most stringent military censorship was set up by the government today. There was a complete lack of details of Collins' death. Other than the bare announcement that the commander-in-chief was shot by irregulars, nothing was given out. Coming within ten days of the death of Arthur Griffith, who died of heart failure, the loss of Collins leaves Free State Ireland in a sorry plight. Collins was the most powerful and influential man in the newly created state.

He was not only commander-in-chief of the Free State forces, but also provisional head of the government and finance minister of the Dail Eireann.

Unless a strong man arises quickly, it was freely predicted that the Free State may collapse due to activities of the rebels under De Valera which would again bring invading forces from Britain to Ireland, and cause a renewal of centuries old conflict.

Collins, in recent months was known as the "Lincoln of Erin." He had been largely instrumental in inducing his people to accept the Free State government. His death came at a time when Ireland was about to rest easier and devote her energy to the development of resources.

Michael Collins' forces had been victorious over the rebels and were in power in most portions of Ireland.

Chief of Staff Richard Mulcahy, on whose shoulders the mantle of Collins fell for the time being at least, issued the following appeal to his fellow countrymen:

"Stand calmly by your posts. Let no cruel act of reprisal blench your bright honor."

"The dark hours Michael Collins has met since 1916 seemed to steel his bright strength and to temper his gny bravery."

"You are left, each of you, an inheritance of that strength and bravery."

"Let each fill his unfinished work. Let there be no darkness and do not let the loss of our comrade daunt you. Soldiers of Ireland, the army serves—let it be strengthened by its sorrow."

Frequent reports that Collins was marked for death were heard in Ireland since Harry Poland, secretary of De Valera, Irish irreconcilable, was shot and killed by Free State troops during a raid. It was reported that Collins was to be killed for reprisal.

His motor car was fired upon a few days ago, but Collins was not in it.

Michael Collins, who began his career as a broker's clerk, was practically unknown until 1914, when he was in confidence of Sir Roger Casement, who was executed during the war. Collins accompanied Casement to Germany, on the Irish mission. He sprang into fame during the rebellion of 1915 when he was in command of part of the army under P. H. Pearse.

Collins, from this time on to the formation of the Free State, became the most sought man in Ireland. The British put a price on his head. He was known as the "phantom rebel." He narrowly escaped death or capture time after time. His exploits were on every tongue.

During this period Collins plagued the British by his pranks. On one occasion he entered Dublin Castle, the stronghold of the British, in disguise and then jumped from the window to freedom. He was frequently reported in the garb of a woman. Another time while he was attending a wake, the British conducted a raid for him. Collins removed the body and hid in the coffin.

When the truce with the British came about over a year ago, Collins came from hiding. He journeyed to London and with Griffith drew up the treaty which established the free state of which he became head.

The hero then went back to Ireland and stumped the country, pleading with his fellow countrymen to uphold the provisional government. He was opposed by De Valera but won, and the Dail Eireann accepted the treaty. This led to the break with the De Valera faction of irreconcilables and the civil war which broke out in Dublin 2 months ago. Two attempts to assassinate Collins this year proved unsuccessful; a third, yesterday, ended his life.

Police found several inches of fuse, which is believed to have been attached to the missile.

No reason for the explosion at that particular place could be given.

Rome, Aug. 23.—A tentative list of Cardinals includes the name of Archbishop Vonzano, Papal delegate to Washington.

POSTPONE DATE FOR LAYING OF CORNERSTONE

Masonic Memorial Stone May Not Be Laid Until Spring

WORK TO CONTINUE

Had Fixed Upon October 18 for Date Postponement Due to Disturbed Industrial Conditions

The laying of the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association Temple to be erected in George Washington Park at a cost of \$2,500,000, which was set for October 18, has been indefinitely postponed. This was done by Louis A. Watres, Scranton, Pa., president of the organization owing to industrial disturbances which have embarrassed the contractors. President Watres after consulting C. C. Callahan and others decided to postpone the event.

While no date has as yet been determined upon it is regarded as highly probable that the cornerstones will not be laid until early spring.

Charles H. Callahan, local secretary, stated today that the local committees in charge of the arrangements will continue to function as usual and make all necessary arrangements and continue their meetings.

The work begun on the temple will also be continued without interruption and will be pushed as fast as possible. It is proposed to complete the foundation with a slab of concrete eight feet in thickness over the entire building. The wall at the foot of the property along King street is to be protected against washing and the terraces around the building ten feet high are to be broken by a balustrade. The top of the terrace will be forty feet wide and temporary approaches will be provided for pedestrians from the foot of the hill on the east up to the temple. The winding drive from the foot of the hill to the temple will be graded and graveled for a temporary road. After it has thoroughly settled it will be concreted.

A road from King to Duke street will be opened, which will nearly parallel the railroad property. After settlement the road also will be concreted.

The grading to the north of the terrace will be completed and the driveway to the west opened up. This work will perhaps be finished by April or May.

Workmen are now grading and making the formation for the terraces preparatory to building the foundation. They also are erecting a tower to pour concrete which will be 160 feet high or within fifty feet of the height of the tower of the temple.

Thousands of Masons from every section of the United States including many high officials of the Masonic craft are expected here for the event, and already communications had been received from representatives that proposed to send large delegations from California, Michigan, New Jersey and other states.

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SOLDIER BONUS COMES BEFORE SENATE TODAY

Indications are That It Will Be Passed and Sent to Conference

M'CUMBER DEFENDS

Borah, of Opposition, Confident That If President Vetoes Bill He Will Be Sustained.

(By United Press.) Washington, Aug. 23.—The soldier bonus bill, after reposing in a senate pigeon hole for nearly a year, was out on the senate floor today with every indication that it would be passed and sent to a conference with the House within a week.

Whether President Harding will veto or sign the measure remained uncertain when debate was scheduled to open with a strong defense of a bonus for the soldiers by Senator McCumber, chairman of the finance committee, and a vitriolic attack on it by Senator Borah.

Borah, "anchor man" of the opposition, is confident that if the President vetoes the measure, he will be sustained. The senator claims that at least 37 senators or five more than necessary to prevent overriding a veto will vote against the measure.

Quite as lusty in their declarations, supporting senators and Legion officials, who have maintained a most extensive lobby here, made it be known that, in their opinion, a veto of Mr. Harding would have little effect on the bill, for promises already made assured a two-thirds majority necessary to override a possible veto.

A last minute rush of amendments was expected. Senator McNary has a reclamation amendment which, he said, has support of the western farm group. Senators Bursum and Ladd have bonus plans which they would like to substitute for the McCumber scheme. All of these, however, have little chance to receive serious consideration, in the belief of senate chiefs.

Senator Smoot, who was aligned with President Harding in advocating a sales tax to raise the funds to pay the bonus when the bill first came up in the senate, was preparing to offer a specific sales tax amendment. In view of previous action of both Senate and House the provisions was believed to have only slight support.

WETS WILL LOSE SAYS WHEELER

Neither Light Wine Nor Beer Will Be Permitted

Anti-Saloon League Council Says Dry Advocates In Congress Will Increase

(By United Press.) Washington, Aug. 23.—Neither light wine nor beer will be on the American menu—legally—as the result of this fall's congressional elections, Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, forecast today.

The league forces are taking a very active part in the campaign and they are woeing out the wets and even the slightly moist, he asserted.

"Dry advocates in congress will be stronger than ever as the result of the election," Wheeler said. "Gains have been made in both branches of congress in the 26 districts where nominations have already been made. No matter which side wins, the prohibition forces will be the gainers."

"In these 264 districts 229 of the incumbent congressmen were renominated. Of this number 190 are dry and 37 wet. A majority of the 35 new nominees are dry," Wheeler stated.

"Most important in the opinion of Wheeler is the gain of three dry votes in the senate. In the death of Senators Penrose and Knox, of Pennsylvania, and the elimination of Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the wets lost three votes, Wheeler said. The drys count George Wharton Pepper and Major David A. Reed, the two republican senatorial nominees from Pennsylvania as friends of prohibition because they are committed to enforcement of the law. Williams' successor will be dry.

"What the wets want is nullification of the prohibition amendment," Wheeler stated. "They want first to amend it to permit the sale of light wine and beer. What they really plan is to hamstring the law so as to make it unenforceable."

Dry forces are preparing to fight the wets of Massachusetts, California, Ohio and Illinois, Wheeler said. The first two states the wets have forced a referendum designed to knock out the state dry enforcement edicts while similar action is planned in Ohio and Illinois.

RAIL CONFERENCE OPENS WITH BITTER DISPUTES

General Strike Situation

(By United Press.)

Brakedown of efforts to settle the anthracite coal strike seems about to be followed by a collapse of the latest attempt to end the railroad shopmen's strike.

The anthracite peace conference broke up in Philadelphia late yesterday. Railroad presidents are gathering in New York today to decide whether to accept the big four brotherhoods' proposals for ending the shopmen's walkout. The eastern executives are reported strongly opposed to acceptance.

There was a gleam of sunshine in Western Pennsylvania, however, where the deadlock between bituminous miners and the Pittsburgh Coal Operators Association was broken. The association invited miners to return under the wage agreement reached at the Cleveland conference, minus the check off.

A wage increase of 33 1/2 to 58 percent was announced in Fayette and Westmoreland counties in an effort to get miners back to work under open shop conditions.

Congress had before it a bill to prevent hauling of "profiteer coal"—fuel on which the price has been unjustly raised—over the railroads.

CHAS. P. HOLDEN MISSING SINCE AUGUST 11

Retired Business Man Is a Native of Philadelphia

POLICE AID ASKED

Last Seen At Union Station, Washington, D. C.—Mystery surrounds His Disappearance.

Charles P. Holden, sixty-three year old, who live with his son, Charles F. Holden, in Rosemont, is mysteriously missing since August 11 and no trace of him can be found, according to a report submitted to the police department.

Mr. Holden on the afternoon of August 11 left here for Washington to take a train for Philadelphia where he proposed to make a visit. He was last seen that afternoon at the Union station, Washington.

A few days after he left and no word was received from him a quiet search was instituted without avail, and today Chief of Police Goods sent out circulars to every large city in the country asking the police to help locate the missing man.

Mr. Holden's home was formerly in Philadelphia, and he also spent a part of his time in Boston. He was a retired coal operator and was interested in a number of mines.

Mr. Holden's wife died about two months ago and since that time he had made his home with his son, Charles F. Holden, an insurance broker in this city.

He has two sons, Charles F. Holden, of this city, and John Holden, of Boston, Mass.

Mr. Holden is described as being sixty-three years old, six feet; about 195 pounds, dark complexion, small grayish mustache, brown eyes, bald head, large stomach, right side of face drawn, having suffered from paralysis, wore dark clothes and flimsy Panama hat.

His relatives here are unable to give any reason for his mysterious absence and every effort is being made to trace his whereabouts.

No Need for Alarm Over Coal Situation

There is no cause for alarm regarding the fuel situation here. This statement was made yesterday afternoon following the conference of the local fuel committee and the coal dealers of the city at the chamber of commerce.

The foregoing is based on a recent survey of the coal situation and present indications are it was pointed out that a sufficient supply of fuel is on hand for manufacturing purposes, and the dealers have to have coal for the retail trade in ample time. However, the dealers will meet at frequent intervals with the fuel committee and every effort will be made to see that the city supply of fuel is adequate.

Head of 148 Lines Meet To Consider Proposals of Brotherhood Mediators For Ending Shopcraft Strike. No Decision in Sight

SAY PROPOSED STRIKE LEGISLATION PRETENSE

Representative Huddleston Says Congress Will Do Nothing But Bluff Because It Lacks Courage—Complete Tieup of Louisville & Nashville Threatened

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—In an extreme emergency the government will have to take over the railroads, Secretary of War Weeks declared today, in commenting on the report that a settlement of the rail strike was not probable from the New York negotiations of rail executives and union leaders.

He emphasized that the Federal Government was determined to prevent a break-down in transportation.

(By United Press.) New York, Aug. 23.—Bitter dispute marked the opening hours of the railroad executives conference today. Heads of 148 lines meeting to consider proposals of big four mediators to end the shopcraft strike, found themselves much at variance over their reply.

A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central; Hale Holden and C. H. Markham, a committee whose purpose was not disclosed, went to the roof of the Yale club after the general conference had been under way for some time. They paced up and down in earnest conversation. Smith announced that the delegates "had a lot of steam to get off their chests" and that no decision was in sight.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Strike legislation proposed to Congress is nothing but a pretense, Representative Huddleston, Alabama, declared to the United Press today. "We were called back here in response to telegrams but Congress is not going to do anything except bluff," Huddleston said. "It will pass the coal commission bill as a pretense of doing something."

"The trouble with this Congress is that it lacks courage. We have an exceedingly difficult situation confronting us and no enlightened public opinion to force them to action."

"When we returned here we were for six days without a quorum. The day we got a quorum the leaders of the majority, in the face of the situation, attempted to take up a lot of trivial bills. I objected to the consideration of all of them to show how futile the situation was, being brought back here to do something and then to do nothing."

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Philadelphia, Aug. 23.—Main-tenance men are permitted to remain on duty in the anthracite mines and will not be called out as a result of the breaking off of negotiations with the operators, John L. Lewis, miners' chief, announced today.

"It is the policy of the United Mine Workers to protect all proper Lewis said, "and all reports that the pump men will be called out are erroneous."

Lewis has made no definite plans for the immediate future. He will remain here a few days and finish up some business. District presidents from Hazleton, Scranton, and Shamokin, left today for their homes.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Opposition of unlooked for strength was flaring up in congress over another measure urged by President Harding in his strike message.

Powerful groups were forming in both the Senate and House to fight the bill.

Statue to Honor Country's Father

Governor Trinkle Invited to Unveiling in Keystone State

Richmond, Va., August 23.—Governor E. Lee Trinkle received an invitation from Governor W. C. Spraul, of Pennsylvania, yesterday to attend the unveiling of a monument on August 30 on the site of Fort Le Boeuf, commemorating the expedition headed by Lieutenant George Washington in 1756, and commissioned by Governor Dinwiddie. The monument is being erected by the citizens of Waterford, the County of Erie and the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, and it commemorates the expedition which was sent to observe the operations of the French at that point. It will include a statue of Washington when he was a young man.

Governor Spraul said he would send his private car to Washington on August 28 for General John J. Pershing and the French ambassador, and he suggested that, if Governor Trinkle reached Washington at that time, he could make the trip from Washington to Harrisburg in that car.

Governor Trinkle has not yet announced whether or not it will be possible for him to attend the unveiling.

Asserts R. R. Officials Are Badly Beaten

Declaring that the railroad officials are badly beaten, J. Smoot, international representative of the association of machinists, today delivered an interesting address before the railroad strikers at a meeting held in their hall over the Alexandria National Bank building. Mr. Smoot has just returned from an extensive trip through the northwest, southwest and other points where he made a general survey of the strike situation.

H. Frazier, business agent of Local 170, of Washington, also addressed the men on the situation in that city and vicinity. The meeting was presided over by H. F. Chichester.

Bible Thought for Today

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.—1 John 4:18